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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Teiji EKIDA et al.

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Examiner: P. Mertz

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For: IL-6 RECEPTOR IL-6 DIRECT FUSION PROTEIN

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.